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produces this mucilage might possibly be turned to account; certainly, it is a very pretty object to examine. W. H. L.

16. *Aster Novae-Angliae*, L.—In the last edition of Gray's Manual, mention is made of a white rayed "variety (?)" of this plant in one of the Western States.

On the outlet of Owasco Lake, near the Auburn city water works, I have observed, every autumn since 1862, a large number of plants with white rays, scattered over the fields through several acres. The same plants have white rayed heads from year to year: rays as unmistakably white as those of *Leucanthemum* or *Maruta*. Otherwise the plant has its ordinary appearance. I. H. HALL.

17. *Lobelia syphilitica*, L.—The variety with rose pink flowers, and also that with white flowers, grow between the Hudson R. R. R. track and the water near Kingsland's point, below Sing Sing.

I. H. H.

18. *Solea concolor*, Ging.—In July, 1864, east of Tarrytown, about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the Hudson, I found one plant of this species, with pods just emptied of their seeds. I did not then know the plant, though since familiar with it. The only other station, of which I have personal knowledge, is at Mormon Hill, in Palmyra, in the western part of the State.

I. H. H.

19. *Dentaria maxima*, Nutt.—Grows in abundance in the woods near Bowery Bay, just beyond the bridge, over which the Astoria and Flushing turnpike passes. Among the thousands of specimens growing there, I failed to detect any which seemed to indicate a close approximation to *D. laciniata*; nor did I notice any difference between the two plants, not yet pointed out. I would suggest that they be cultivated with a view to testing the claims of *D. maxima* to specific distinction.

M. RUGER.

20. *Geranium pusillum*, L.—On the upper side of the North Road, leading from Laurel Hill, L. I., and just beyond Betts Av., the sidewalk is elevated, and forms an embankment about three feet high. At the bottom of this embankment *G. pusillum* grows plentifully. It grows also by the barn on the road-side opposite the northern extremity of Cooper's glue factory, Williamsburg.

M. R.

21. *Cornus Canadensis*, L.—A small patch of this pretty little plant grows in the piece of woods situated on the north side of Jackson Av., just two miles from Hunter's Point, by the mile-stone. It grows a little distance within the Astoria side of the woods, on the banks of a brooklet. This is, I believe, the only known station on Long Island.

M. R.

22. Books and Journals.—In Silliman's "American Journal" for January, Dr. Gray evidences his return by a series of interesting notices of recent botanical publications, among them, that of "Pursh's Journal," collected into a little volume of 87 pp. from Meehan's "Gardener's Monthly." . . . The English Journals, "The Academy," monthly, (25 cts.,) and "Nature," weekly, (12 cts.,) may now be